

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1,3-5 are allowed.

- 2. *The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:***

The best prior art of record, taken alone or in combination thereof, fails to teach:

Claim 1: a controller; a capacitive energy storage device chargeable by a supply network to supply power to the electric motor in the event of a power failure, the capacitive energy storage device having a charge voltage; a temperature sensor assigned to the control unit to measure an ambient temperature; and a charge converter configured to convert the measured ambient temperature into a control signal to control a level of a current provided to the capacitive energy storage device as a function of the measured ambient temperature, and wherein an operational voltage for the capacitive energy storage device is controlled by the charge converter as a function of the measured ambient temperature to an approximately constant value resulting in an approximately constant torque being applied by the electric motor.

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